Children working in Tea Gardens

1858. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of children working in tea gardens in different states;

(b) on what basis this data is collected; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken by Government for the education, training and welfare of these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) While authentic data is available in the Decennial Census regarding total number of child labourers in the country, there is no separate industry-wise break up of the child labour population.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No specific steps have been taken up for the education, training and welfare of children working in tea gardens. However, the projects taken up under the National Child Labour Policy, Grants-in-Aids Scheme and the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) have education, vocational training and nutrition as essential inputs for children withdrawn from work.

Problems of Child Labour in Orissa

1859. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Child labour problem especially in Orissa has assumed alarming proportions with the number of working children going up by a sharp 50 per cent over the last two decades; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government to check this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) and (b) As per the 1971 and 1981 census report there were 4.92 lakhs and 7.02 lakhs child labour respectively in Orissa.

1991 Census figures are not yet published. The State Government has already been requested to draw up a strategy to combat this problem of child labour.

A National Child Labour Policy project has been started in Sambalpur district of Orissa for 3,000 child labourers withdrawn from Beedi industry. One Grants-in-Aid project and three International Programmes for the Elimination of Child Labour Projects have also been taken up in Orissa. For effective enforcement of laws relating to child labour, training of enforcement officers are being undertaken.

श्रम नीति

1860. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कोई श्रम नीति बनाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस नीति की घोषणा कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.ए० संगमा) : (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार की श्रम नीति संसद द्वारा समय-समय पर पारित कानूनों में दृष्टिगोचर होती है, जिसमें मुख्य रूप से औद्योगिक संबंध, सामाजिक सुरक्षा, व्यावसायिक स्वास्थ्य व सुरक्षा के क्षेत्र शामिल हैं, और असंगठित कामगारों के लाभ के लिए विशेष कानून हैं। ये कानून राष्ट्रीय स्तर